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ITALY THE NEXT

GERMANY has adopted a policy of elimination that has proven quite successful. While standing off England, France and Russia, the kaiser takes one after another of the weaker nations and then quietly wrings its neck, metaphorically speaking, and casts it into the discard without any compunction. This is the way it has served every country that refused to crook the knee to the Prussian eagle. The Rumanians have apparently reached God's country after an arduous sprint from the Danube and will try to recuperate behind the invincible legions of the Czar, who have shown some sprinting ability themselves. Germany does not court invasion of the Russian domain and will satisfy itself by stopping at the frontier and watching denouements over the line. That is about as far as it will go on the eastern front, except that it still has sinister designs on Macedonia and Greece, with Italy in the distance as a possible foe to chastise and bring into subjection. The British armies in Greece may share the fate of the Gallipoli contingent that was driven into the sea and forced to seek shelter behind the big guns of the fleet, which then steamed away in discomfiture. Von Hindenburg has thrown all his strength to the eastern front, and, if he has done so by weakening the western front, no one has found out that condition, for the allies have been unable to report any progress except in the case of France, which gained a few miles last Saturday in advance of Verdun. There is no denying that the armies of Russia, England and France outnumber the forces of the kaiser, but numbers do not appear to have any effect except to stimulate fresh recruiting and to furnish a demand for more men, whose usefulness seems to have been impaired by dispersing them over too much territory. It is one of the conundrums of the war what has become of the millions of men brought to bear against the serried forces of the German empire, for they do not show any evidence of their overpowering strength in any engagement in which they have become involved. England may have determined on playing a waiting game, but it is possible that the nation is a nervous wreck, while the Germans are manifesting more confidence every day. The fact that Germany is preparing its merchant fleets for resumption of business is an indication of some underground information pointing to acceptance of the proposition of a peace talk that may eventuate in something tangible or lead to an armistice of some duration. If the Germans drive the allies out of Greece, Russia will be sorely tempted to make a separate peace. Mistakes have been made by both sides, but the Teutonic powers are not duplicating their errors, while the allies have repeated their Serbian mistake in Rumania and Greece may be another and far more disastrous Gallipoli. If they cannot drive the Bulgars back in Macedonia any faster then they have done, what will happen when they face von Mackensen's cohorts, flushed with victory in Rumania? Von Hindenburg has always contended that the war was to be won on the eastern front, and he staked his all on one drive that should have been anticipated by his opponents, for there was no secret about the theory of the great German marshal, who gave his plans world wide publicity long before the British generals thought it was susceptible of being translated into cold fact.

BUILDING UP HOME INDUSTRIES

THE Democrats in congress, with an eye on the pork barrel, thought more of perpetuating wars and war making machinery than they did in encouraging peaceful pursuits. For instance, \$3,000,000 was appropriated for the construction of a nitrogen factory, with the primary object of furnishing material for munition factories and the possibility of granting some relief to farmers seeking fertilizers. The latter alternative is so distantly related to the present that it is almost barred from recognition, for, when the time comes when the government nitrogen factory will not be called upon to supply the munition men, the fertilizer market will be at a low ebb owing to the reopening of German ports to shipments of potash, which can be supplied by the foreigner at one-tenth the price it costs to produce in this country in the present infancy of the industry. It would have been much better for the government to have paid more attention to the paper famine, which is one of the pressing evils of the day and one that does not manifest any prospect of abatement. The United States government maintains the largest printing office in the world and therefore business sagacity should have prompted the administration to provide for a supply of paper without being held up by the Canadian manufacturers who dictate prices. A paper mill is the cornerstone of education and a plant capable of ameliorating the stringency to a material degree could have been constructed for a good deal less than what it is going to cost to install a nitrogen plant. The latter can only be regarded as an agency for the slaughter of human beings, while a paper mill would lay the foundation for everlasting peace and intellectual development. The schools would be among the chief beneficiaries, since the school book industry is one of the most important branches of the business and only secondary to that of newspaper publication. Common print paper has more than doubled in cost during the past year and the cheapest forms of coarse wrapping paper have advanced to such a figure that the big

department stores measure off the length required to cover packages with as keen economy as though they were giving away costly silks.

These facts should have appealed to congress more forcibly than the representations of the war college for anything tending to restrict the dissemination of knowledge is bound to be reflected in the ignorance of the multitudes. It is a struggle now for parents to meet the demands of children for a common school education, but when the tax rolls are counted and in the category is found the cost of books multiplied many fold, the real significance of the paper famine will be brought home to every household in the land.

If some of these southern statesmen who control congress want to make an object lesson of literacy in citizenship, they are respectfully referred to their own section for material to work on before laying traps for immigrants to stumble over. Even omitting the black race from the statistics, the southern states fail to shine with any brilliancy. The ignorance of Georgia is appalling. If you doubt it, look at the figures.

Carranza has adopted a school system which must have some features unknown to the American mind. For instance, last week a lot of Carranza ruffians raided a school in Guanajuato and amused themselves by carrying off all the women teachers. This is enlightenment with a vengeance.

Washington reports that Carranza, after all his protestations, is not going to sign the protocol, which he has relegated to the ambassador as the precursor of repudiation whenever he feels in the mood to repudiate the terms arranged by the Mexican-American commission.

The sharp advance in nitrate of silver may bring its own reward by checking the ardor of the kodak fiends who lay in wait for unwary tourists at the resorts.

Jack rabbits would not be such a pest in Nevada if some concern organized a cannery to supply the starving thousands of the prosperous east.

Villa has placed Wilson in the position of the man who was asked to swap horses crossing a stream.

USERS MUST PAY A HEAVY ROYALTY

On Monday last a decision was handed down in the supreme court of the United States which upholds the patent for the flotation concentration process of the Minerals Separation Co., Limited, a British corporation, which for years past has been in litigation with many of the most prominent mining companies in the United States. The flotation process is now extensively used in all copper reducing plants, especially in Montana, Arizona, Utah and Nevada. The process has been used somewhat extensively under license in many districts, while other companies claimed that the process was not patentable, or that their process was different, and therefore not an infringement on the original patent. Under the decision, the companies which have been using the process without license will be compelled to pay royalties for all ores treated under the process, which as a whole will amount to many millions of dollars.—Ely Record.

LUTHERAN SERVICES

At 8 o'clock this evening, regular Lutheran services will be conducted at the Presbyterian church. The sermon of the evening will be an Advent sermon, theme, "Behold, Thy King Cometh Unto Thee." Text, Matthew, 21:1-9. You are cordially invited. Mrs. R. L. McDonald will preside at the organ. Frederick H. Menzel, Lutheran pastor.

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